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CREDIT FOR FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments are demanding more credit for the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has examined their demand; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Demands for more credit to the farmers have been coming from time-to- time from various quarters including the State Governments. In addition to more credit, the demands primarily consists of:
(i). credit flow to farmers in hassle free manner;
(ii). expanding the outreach of formal credit system to reach more number of farmers; and
(iii). reducing rate of interest on farm loans.

(c) & (d): The Union Government in consultation with Reserve Bank of India and National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development has taken several steps for improving credit flow to the farmers. Details of these measures are annexed.